

MAPS OF THE UNITED STATES.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF THE
INTERIOR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR
MOUNTING WITH ROLLERS UNITED STATES MAPS.

JANUARY 5, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be
printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, January 4, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration
of Congress, copy of a communication from the Secretary of the
Interior, of this date, submitting an estimate of appropriation for
inclusion in the urgent deficiency bill, for mounting with rollers
United States maps of the issue of 1901, 1902, and 1903, for delivery
to the United States Senate and House of Representatives, \$12,960.

Respectfully,

H. A. TAYLOR, *Acting Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 4, 1904.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from
the chief of the document division of this Department, recommending
an urgent deficiency estimate of \$12,960, for mounting with rollers
United States maps of the issue of 1901, 1902, and 1903, for delivery
to the United States Senate and House of Representatives. In expla-
nation of this deficiency I desire to state that, under the provisions of
the acts of April 17, 1900 (31 Stats., 121), and March 3, 1901 (31
Stats., 997), no appropriation was made for mounting with rollers the

issues of maps named above, and I concur in the statement of the chief of the document division that unless an appropriation is made for this purpose the money expended in these publications would be practically wasted.

The recommendation herein made for this purpose meets with my approval, and the same is respectfully forwarded through your Department for the appropriate action of Congress, to be incorporated in the urgent deficiency bill.

Respectfully,

E. A. HITCHCOCK,
Secretary.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, January 2, 1904.

SIR: The last two acts of Congress, passed during the Fifty-seventh Congress, making appropriations for United States maps, provide that "all maps delivered to the Senate and House of Representatives hereunder shall be mounted with rollers ready for use" (32 Stats., pt. 1, 158 and 893). Prior, however, to the issue of these maps, which aggregate 43,200 copies, an equal number authorized by acts of the Fifty-sixth Congress will be published for the use of the Senate and the House of Representatives (31 Stats., 121, 997).

The acts last named, however, do not require that the maps delivered thereunder "shall be mounted with rollers." In my judgment all United States maps published and distributed by the Government should be attached to rollers before distribution and thus made available for immediate use by the recipients, as a large proportion of those distributed without sticks are undoubtedly laid aside and never used because of the expense and inconvenience of procuring rollers. The money expended in their publication is practically wasted, whereas, by the expenditure of a few cents additional, they are made immediately and continuously serviceable. In this judgment the Department has concurred by repeatedly recommending that provision to this end be made by Congress, which recommendation, as shown above, has been adopted so far as the maps of 1903 and 1904 are concerned. I now suggest that Congress be requested to make like provision with reference to the maps of 1901 and 1902, and to make an appropriation at the earliest practicable day for the purchase of rollers and for mounting the maps. No appropriation yet made is available for this purpose.

It is estimated that the cost of labor, rollers, and other material used will be 20 cents per map, and, therefore, for the 64,800 maps of 1901, 1902, and 1903 to be issued for the use of Congress an appropriation of \$12,960 will be required.

The publishers are expected to begin delivering these maps during the present month, and I therefore recommend that the following estimate be submitted for incorporation in the urgent deficiency bill, viz: "For rollers and other material, and for labor required for mounting maps of the United States ordered for the use of Congress by acts of April 17, 1900, March 3, 1901, and April 28, 1902, \$12,960, to be expended under the authority of the Secretary of the Interior, who is hereby directed to have said maps attached to rollers before delivery."

Very respectfully,

JOHN G. AMES,
Chief of Document Division.

The SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

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